

Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Project Profile
WYOMING
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Focus Areas Funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epidemiology and Surveillance - Core • Laboratory Capacity for Biologic Agents • Health Alert Network
Wyoming has strengthened its capacity to respond to threats of bioterrorism by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing teams to address organization and maintenance of a command post and emergency operations center and laboratory requirements for identifying BT agents • Conducting a meeting on Animal Disease Surveillance and Bioterrorism in collaboration with Wyoming Game & Fish, Wyoming State Veterinary Lab, Wyoming Livestock Board and USDA • Establishing a contract with the regional Poison Control Center for daily reports of calls made to the Center by Wyoming citizens • Completing renovations of a BSL-3 laboratory • Accessing hands-on training with select bioterrorism agents for the BT microbiologist via the USDA lab, the Wyoming State Vet Lab and the Wyoming Game & Fish lab • Conducting statewide survey of hospital laboratories to assess training needs • Operationalizing an All Hazards Response 24/7 toll free phone number for reporting of food- or waterborne disease outbreaks, hazardous material spills, radiological exposures, biological or chemical incidents/accidents, and diseases on the Reportable Disease List • Activating an All Hazards Response website • Performing scheduled and unscheduled tests of communication and alert systems • Implementing computerized broadcast "blast" fax capability • Developing Epi maps to show geographical distribution of infectious disease morbidity in Wyoming, the maps are posted on the Internet at: http://wdhfs.state.wy.us/epiid/epimaps.htm
Project Year 2 Plans (August 31, 2000-August 30, 2001) include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting 2 bioterrorism table-top exercises • Educating response partners such as nurses, first responders and veterinarians • Increasing laboratory testing capability for biologic agents • Providing laboratory, communications and epidemiology training to local and state public health professionals • Completing Wide Area Network inter-connectivity • Increasing collaboration among local, state, and federal

	<p>personnel who have a role in bioterrorism preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a training/orientation video for animal health professionals • Revising the Reportable Disease List to include high priority agents of concern for bioterrorism • Improving timeliness and frequency of reporting by physicians and laboratorians • Installing radio and telecommunications systems to improve communications among state and county agencies and ensure backup communications capacity • Developing a statewide computer-based 24/7 active alert system and a local area infrastructure to support data exchange • Developing an emergency/disaster response team with expertise in engineering, medicine, environmental issues, and safety • Completing the Bioterrorism Appendix to the All Hazards Response Plan
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Anecdotes	<p>Wyoming bioterrorism web pages: http://wdhfs.state.wy.us/ahrp http://wdhfs.state.wy.us/lab http://wdhfs.state.wy.us/epiid</p>								